

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 CAIRO 18917 141640Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----120671 141723Z /43
O 141501Z NOV 77
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1626
INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T CAIRO 18917

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EG IS
SUBJECT: ISRAELI SYMPOSIUM SEEKS EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION

1. MARK BRUZONSKY, WASHINGTON-BASED ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF WORLD-VIEW, VISITED CAIRO FOR TWO WEEKS IN LATE OCTOBER THEN WENT TO ISRAEL. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT TO ISRAEL WAS TO COVER FOR WOLDVIEW, INTERNATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM IN TEL AVIV NOVEMBER 16-21 UNDER AUSPICES OF NEW OUTLOOK. ACCORDING TO BRUZONSKY SEVERAL HUNDRED STATESMEN, INTELLECTUALS AND OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES SUCH AS PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE, GEORGE BALL, NAHUM GOLDMANN, LORD CARADON, WILL ATTEND.

2. BRUZONSKY RETURNED TO CAIRO NOVEMBER 12 IN ORDER TO PRESENT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT FROM SIMHA FLAPAN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF NEW OUTLOOK AND CHAIRMAN OF SYMPOSIUM. BRUZONSKY TOLD POLCOUNS THAT SADAT'S NOVEMBER 9 SPEECH HAS GIVEN SPECIAL IMPORT TO SYMPOSIUM AND RESULTED IN INVITATION TO EGYPTIAN TO PARTICIPATE. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF FLAPAN LETTER TO SADAT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3. "NEW OUTLOOK...HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING FOR OVER TWO DECADES FOR A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES OF AREA."

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 CAIRO 18917 141640Z

4. "PRIME OBJECTIVE OF SYMPOSIUM TO ENCOURAGE MODERATE AND REALISTIC PUBLIC OPINION TO AID PROCESS IN REACHING PEACE. ISRAELI PARTICIPATION INCLUDES MEMBERS OF KNESSET AND GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION FIGURES...MAJOR PART WILL BE DEVOTED TO PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WITH PARTICIPATION OF A SIZABLE CONTINGENT FROM WEST BANK AND GAZA.

5. "WE WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU AS OUR HONORED GUEST TO THIS SYMPOSIUM. BUT WE APPRECIATE THAT DIPLOMATIC CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT PERMIT SUCH A BOLD STEP FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE MOST GLAD TO WELCOME ONE OR MORE EGYPTIAN PERSONALITIES, EVEN ONE WITHOUT OFFICIAL POSITIONS, TO PRESENT TO THE SYMPOSIUM THE MESSAGE YOU ARE TRYING TO CONVEY. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD MAKE A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CREATION OF A NEW CLIMATE OF PUBLIC OPINION WHICH WOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS."

6. "WE AUTHORIZE MARK BRUZONSKY...TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND TO MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR ORGANIZATION OF SUCH A VISIT."

7. BRUZONSKY HAS, THROUGH MININFO UNDER SECRETARY MURSI SA'AD AL DIN, BEEN ABLE ARRANGE APPOINTMENT TO SEE SADAT AT 1300 LOCAL TIME NOVEMBER 14. BRUZONSKY EARLIER REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS PRESENTATION TO SADAT. AMBASSADOR DECLINED, NOTING IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR USG TO APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY PUSHING PROPOSAL. AMBASSADOR AUTHORIZED POLCOUNS DISCUSS IT WITH BRUZONSKY ON STRICTLY PERSONAL LEVEL. BRUZONSKY'S STRATEGY IS TO MAKE THE POINTS IN FLAPAN'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND OBTAIN PRESIDENT'S REACTION. IF LATTER INSISTS NEITHER AN EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL NOR UNOFFICIAL DELEGATION IS POSSIBLE, HE WILL PROPOSE THIRD ALTERNATIVE THAT SADAT TAPE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 CAIRO 18917 141640Z

A MESSAGE THAT COULD BE USED AT SYMPOSIUM.

8. BRUZONSKY CALLED ON POLCOUNS AFTER MEETING WITH SADAT. HE SAID SADAT HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON SYMPOSIUM AND BEGAN CONVERSATION BY REFERRING TO SIMILAR PROPOSALS PUT TO HIM DURING VISIT TO U.S. BY ISRAELI JOURNALISTS. HE REITERATED REASONS HE HAD GIVEN THEM WHY SUCH EXCHANGES WERE "PREMATURE". THIS WAS, IN BRUZONSKY'S VIEW, SADAT'S POLITE WAY OF SAYING "NO" TO IDEA OF SENDING OFFICIAL OR NONOFFICIAL REP TO SYMPOSIUM. HOWEVER, SADAT WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE "WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO BE READ AT THE SYMPOSIUM". SOME DISCUSSION OF HOW MESSAGE WOULD BE TRANSMITTED ENSUED AND BRUZONSKY, APPARENTLY IN HIS EAGERNESS TO HAVE MESSAGE ARRIVE IN TIME FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OPENING, SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS AMERICAN EMBASSY COULD TRANSMIT MESSAGE. THIS WAS, OF COURSE, COMPLETELY BRUZONSKY'S OWN IDEA. POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT TRANSMITTAL OF MESSAGE BY EMBASSY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAK AND RESULT IN QUESTIONS BEING RAISED ABOUT U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH MESSAGE IN FIRST PLACE WHICH MIGHT DISTRACT FROM USEFULNESS SUCH MESSAGE MIGHT HAVE. IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY WOULD NOT TRANSMIT SUCH MESSAGE WITHOUT PRIOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. BRUZONSKY SAID HE HOPED THIS SUGGESTION WOULD NOT CAUSE ANYONE EMBARRASS-

MENT AND TONIGHT HE WILL DISCUSS WITH MURSI SA'AD AL DIN POSSIBILITY
OR DIRECT TRANSMITTAL OR VIA NEUTRAL THIRD COUNTRY.

9. BRUZONSKY SAID SADAT HAD BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN HAVEING FIRST-
HAND ACCOUNT OF ISRAELI REACTION TO HIS PROPOSAL TO VISIT
KNESSET AND ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IT.

10. AS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE SHOULD SADAT REQUEST EMBASSY TO
TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV FOR SYMPOSIUM,
REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS. EMBASSY HAS NO INTENTION OF
RAISING MATTER WITH GOE. WE WILL TREAT IT AS STRICTLY PRIVATE
INITIATIVE OF WHICH WE ARE NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED.
EILTS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PEACE, VISITS, JOURNALISTS, SEMINARS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 14-Nov-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CAIRO18917
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770420-1211
Format: TEL
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771163/aaaaccbw.tel
Line Count: 128
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 63f3f31a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 605748
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ISRAELI SYMPOSIUM SEEKS EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION
TAGS: SOPN, OTRA, MPOL, EG, IS, (BRUZONSKY, MARK)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/63f3f31a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009